

HABS No. CA-1548-L

U.S. Naval Hospital, Guinea Pig and Rabbit House (Bldg. 17)
Park Boulevard, Balboa Park
San Diego
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STATE: California	COUNTY: San Diego	TOWN OR VICINITY: City of San Diego
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (SOURCE IN PARENTHESES): U.S. Naval Hospital, Guinea Pig and Rabbit House (Original name in construction of Naval Hospital Complex)		HABS NO.: CA-1548-L
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAME OF STRUCTURE: U.S. Naval Hospital, Building 17. Credit Union.		
ADDRESS: U.S. Naval Hospital, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA, 92134 The Hospital complex is on the south side of Park Boulevard. This building fronts onto Farenholt Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1927 (Construction Drawings)	ARCHITECTS(S): U.S. Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks (No construction drawings found.) Please see narrative for discussion of designers.	
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE IN PARENTHESES): A contributing structure in an eligible historic district. Not individually significant. (Designed and built to hold animals used to detect disease.)		
STYLE: Utilitarian		
MATERIAL AND STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS: Reinforced concrete floors, hollow-tile-walls, stucco exterior, reinforced concrete roof, and built-up roofing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE: (PLEASE SEE SKETCHED FLOOR PLAN ON SEPARATE PAGE)--		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE: (PLEASE SEE 1985 PHOTOGRAPHS.) None.		filed with HABS CA-1548-M (pg. 2)
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE: (PLEASE SEE SKETCHED FLOOR PLAN ON SEPARATE PAGE) Gross floor area 519 square feet.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES: Converted to office use. Dropped ceiling with fluorescent lighting.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE: Adequately maintained with no eye to historic preservation. Exterior has had only minor changes. Currently used as a classroom.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Site is level. Stands at a lower elevation than the main hospital group.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Original construction drawings; Architectural and Historical Resources Survey by Sally Woodbridge; and, field inspection.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION: Joel Sharp, employee of Robert D. Ferris, A.I.A., Contractor to Dept. of the Navy, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, San Bruno, Calif.		DATE: December 1985